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flywheel body 5, and the axial clearance 10 in the example shown in Fig. 5 is defined between the abutting surface 4m and the second surface section 5d of the flywheel body 5. The axial clearance 11 is defined between the side surface 5f of the flywheel body 5 and a side surface 2g of the elastic plate 2, as shown in Fig. 5.

As shown in Fig. 5, the reinforcing member 4 has a bolt hole 4p, and the elastic plate 2 has a bolt hole 2p. The elastic plate 2 is clamped axially between the reinforcing member 4 and the shaft end of the crankshaft 1 by the bolt 3 passing through the bolt holes 4p and 2p of the reinforcing member 4 and the elastic plate 2. The bolt hole 2p of the elastic plate 2 is located axially between the bolt hole 4p of the reinforcing member 4 and the shaft end of the crankshaft 1. --

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows (an amended set of claims is enclosed with the Substitute Specification which incorporates each of the following changes in reissue format for the Examiner's convenience):

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Claim 1, line 1, after "A flywheel", add --assembly--;  
line 2, change "to a driven unit" into --[to a  
driven unit]--;  
line 5, change "engageable" into --engaging  
[engageable]--;  
line 11, change "to said driven unit" into --  
through said flywheel assembly [to said driven unit]--.

Claim 2, line 1, after "A flywheel", add --assembly--.

Claim 3, line 1, after "A flywheel", add --assembly--;  
line 2, change "engageable" to --engaging  
[engageable]--.

Claim 4, line 1, after "A flywheel", add --assembly--.

Claim 5, line 1, after "A flywheel", add --assembly--;  
line 20, change "slidably" into --[slidably]--;  
line 21, change "so that" to --with clearance for  
allowing [so that]--;  
line 22, change "is axially slidable" to --to  
slide [is] axially [slidable]--.

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Claim 6, line 1, after "A flywheel", add --assembly--;  
line 3, change "engageable" to --engaging  
[engageable]--.

line 10, before "by abutting", change "elastic  
plate" to --flywheel body [elastic plate]--.

Claim 7, line 1, after "A flywheel", add --assembly--;  
line 4, change "engageable" to --engaging  
[engageable]--.

Claim 8, line 1, after "A flywheel", add --assembly--;  
line 2, change "to a driven unit" into --[to a  
driven unit]--;  
lines 5 and 9, change "engageable" into --engaging  
[engageable]--.

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- 1            9. A flywheel assembly comprising:  
2            a crankshaft [driving shaft] (1) for transmitting  
3            torque;  
4            a circular elastic plate [member] (2) comprising an  
5            outer portion and an inner portion and extending radially  
6            inwardly from said outer portion to said inner portion, said  
7            inner portion of said elastic plate [member] being fastened

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8 to a shaft end of said crankshaft [driving shaft];

9 an annular flywheel body [member] (5) comprising an  
10 outer portion and an inner portion and extending radially  
11 inwardly from said outer portion to said inner portion of  
12 said flywheel body [member], said outer portion of said  
13 flywheel body [member] being fastened to said outer portion  
14 of said elastic plate [member], said inner portion of said  
15 flywheel body [member] comprising a central circular hole;  
16 and

17 a reinforcing member (4) comprising a cylindrical  
18 portion (4a) axially extending from a first member end to a  
19 second member end, an inner portion extending radially  
20 inwardly from said first member end of said cylindrical  
21 portion, and an outward flange (4b) extending radially  
22 outwardly from said second member end of said cylindrical  
23 portion, said inner portion of said reinforcing member being  
24 fastened to said shaft end of said crankshaft [driving  
25 shaft], said cylindrical portion of said reinforcing member  
26 being fit in said circular hold of said flywheel body  
27 [member] with a clearance to form a loose fit;

28 wherein said inner portion of said elastic plate  
29 [member] is fixedly clamped between said shaft end of said  
30 crankshaft [driving shaft] and said inner portion of said

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31 reinforcing member, said inner portion of said flywheel body  
32 [member] is [loosely] fit over said cylindrical portion of  
33 said reinforcing member and located axially between said  
34 inner portion of said elastic plate [member] and said  
35 outward flange of said reinforcing member, said outward  
36 flange is axially spaced from said inner portion of said  
37 elastic plate [member] at an axial distance which allows  
38 axial movement of said inner portion of said flywheel body  
39 between said inner portion of said elastic plate [member]  
40 and said outward flange of said reinforcing member.

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Claim 10, line 1, change "3" into --2 [3]--;

line 2, change "elastic member" into --elastic  
plate [member]--.

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1 11. A flywheel assembly according to claim 9, wherein  
2 a wall thickness of said inner portion of said reinforcing  
3 member is greater than a wall thickness of each of said  
4 outward flange[s] of said reinforcing member and said inner  
5 portion of said elastic plate [member], said wall thickness  
6 of each of said inner portion and said outward flange of  
7 said reinforcing member and said inner portion of said  
8 elastic plate [member] being a dimension measured in an

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9 axial direction parallel to an axis of said crankshaft  
10 [driving shaft].

1 12. A flywheel assembly according to claim 9, further  
2 comprising a first fastening means for fastening said outer  
3 portions of said elastic plate [member] and said flywheel  
4 body [member] together, and a second fastening means for  
5 fastening said inner portions of said elastic plate [member]  
6 and said reinforcing member to said shaft end of said  
7 crankshaft [driving shaft], each of said first and second  
8 fastening means comprises screw fasteners extending axially  
9 along an axis of said crankshaft [driving shaft].

Claim 13, line 1, after "A flywheel", add --assembly--;  
line 2, delete "to a driven unit";  
line 6, change "engageable" into --engaging--;  
line 12, change "to said driven unit" to --through  
said flywheel assembly--;  
line 14, between "clamped" and "between", insert  
--axially--;  
lines 18 and 19, change ", whereby" to --with a  
clearance allowing--, and change "is movable" to --to move--.

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Claim 14, line 1, after "A flywheel", insert --  
assembly--;  
line 2, delete "to a driven unit";  
line 6, change "engageable" to --engaging--;  
line 12, between "clamped" and "between", insert  
--axially--;  
lines 16 and 17, change ", whereby" to --with a  
clearance allowing--, and change "is movable" to --to move--.

Claim 15, lines 2, 7 and 20, change "driving shaft" to  
--crankshaft--;  
lines 3, 6, 12, 23 and 30, change "elastic member"  
to --elastic plate--;  
lines 8, 11, 13, 21 and 26, change "flywheel  
member" to --flywheel body--;  
line 16, change "first end" to --first member end--,  
and "second end" to --second member end--;  
line 26, delete "loosely".

Claim 16, line 2, delete "to a driven unit";  
line 7, change "engageable" to --engaging--;  
line 12, change "to said driven unit" to --through  
said flywheel assembly--;

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line 14, between "clamped" and "between" insert  
--axially--.

Claim 17, line 9, change "a smooth" into --an--.

Claim 18, lines 5, 8, 10 and 13, delete "smooth";  
line 6, delete "smoothly--";  
line 11, delete "and smoothly--";  
line 14, change "smoothly" into --continuously --.

Claim 19, lines 3 and 6, change "engageable" into  
--engaging--;  
lines 5 and 8, change "surface" into --plane--.

Claim 20, line 8, change "a smooth" to --an--.

Claim 21, lines 3 and 10, change "engageable" into  
--engaging--.

line 6, change "a smooth" into --an--;  
lines 7 and 8, delete "and smoothly".

Claim 22, lines 2 and 5, delete "smooth";  
line 4, change "smoothly" into --continuously--.



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Claim 23, line ~~4~~, change "engageable" into --engaging--;  
line 8, change "engagement" to --engaging--.

Claim 24, lines ~~2~~ and ~~6~~, change "engageable" to  
--engaging--.  
lines ~~3~~ and ~~8~~, change "surface" into --plane --.

Claim 25, line ~~9~~, delete "smooth";  
line ~~10~~, delete "smoothly and".

Claim 26, line ~~5~~, delete "smooth" and "smoothly and".

Claim 28, line ~~2~~, change "engageable" to --engaging--.

Claim 29, lines ~~2~~ and ~~4~~, change "engageable" to  
--engaging--.

Claim 31, line ~~2~~, delete "to a driven unit";  
lines ~~7~~ and ~~10~~, change "engageable" to --engaging--;  
line ~~12~~, between "clamped" and "between", insert  
--axially--.

Claim 32, line ~~9~~, change "a smooth" into --an--.

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Claim 33, lines 5, 8, 10 and 13, delete "smooth";  
line 6, change "smoothly" into --continuously--;  
line 11, delete "and smoothly".

Claim 34, line 3, change "engageable" to --engaging--;  
lines 5 and 8, change "surface" to --plane--;  
line 14, delete "smoothly".

Claim 35, line 8, change "a smooth" to --an--.

Claim 36, lines 3 and 10, change "engageable" to  
--engaging--.

line 6, change "a smooth" to --an--  
lines 7-8, delete "and smoothly".

Claim 37, lines 2 and 6, delete "smooth";  
line 4, change "smoothly" into --continuously--.

Claim 38, line 4, change "engageable" to --engaging--.

Claim 39, lines 2 and 6, change "engageable" to --  
engaging--;

lines 3 and 8, change "surface" to --plane--.

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Claim 40, line 9, delete "smooth";  
line 10, delete "smoothly and".

Claim 41, line 5, delete "smooth" and "smoothly and".

Claim 42, lines 2 and 4, change "engageable" to  
--engaging--.

Please add new claims 43 to 46 as follows:

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1        43. A flywheel assembly as set forth in Claim 16,  
2        wherein said reinforcing member comprises an abutment surface  
3        facing in a first axial direction along said crankshaft and  
4        extending in a radial direction perpendicular to said first  
5        axial direction, said inner portion of said elastic plate  
6        comprises a first side surface facing in said first axial  
7        direction and extending in said radial direction and a second  
8        side surface facing in a second axial direction opposite to  
9        said first axial direction and extending in said radial  
10       direction, said shaft end of said crankshaft comprises a  
11       shaft end surface facing in said second axial direction and  
12       extending in said radial direction, said abutment surface of  
13       said reinforcing member is in contact with said second side  
14       surface of said inner portion of said elastic plate, said

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15 first side surface of said inner portion of said elastic  
16 plate is in contact with said shaft end surface of said  
17 crankshaft, and said first and second side surfaces of said  
18 elastic plate are located between said abutment surface of  
19 said reinforcing member and said shaft end surface of said  
20 crankshaft.

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1 44. A flywheel assembly as set forth in Claim 31,  
2 wherein said reinforcing member comprises an abutment surface  
3 facing in a first axial direction along said crankshaft and  
4 extending in a radial direction perpendicular to said first  
5 axial direction, said inner portion of said elastic plate  
6 comprises a first side surface facing in said first axial  
7 direction and extending in said radial direction and a second  
8 side surface facing in a second axial direction opposite to  
9 said first axial direction and extending in said radial  
10 direction, said shaft end of said crankshaft comprises a  
11 shaft end surface facing in said second axial direction and  
12 extending in said radial direction, said abutment surface of  
13 said reinforcing member is in contact with said second side  
14 surface of said inner portion of said elastic plate, said  
15 first side surface of said inner portion of said elastic  
16 plate is in contact with said shaft end surface of said

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17 crankshaft, and said first and second side surfaces of said  
18 elastic plate are located between said abutment surface of  
19 said reinforcing member and said shaft end surface of said  
20 crankshaft.

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1 45. A flywheel assembly as set forth in Claim 16,  
2 wherein said reinforcing member comprises a bolt hole, said  
3 elastic plate comprises a bolt hole, said elastic plate is  
4 clamped between said reinforcing member and said shaft end of  
5 said crankshaft by a bolt passing through said bolt holes of  
6 said reinforcing member and said elastic plate, said bolt  
7 hole of said elastic plate is located between said bolt hole  
8 of said reinforcing member and said shaft end of said  
9 crankshaft.

1 46. A flywheel assembly as set forth in Claim 31,  
2 wherein said reinforcing member comprises a bolt hole, said  
3 elastic plate comprises a bolt hole, said elastic plate is  
4 clamped between said reinforcing member and said shaft end of  
5 said crankshaft by a bolt passing through said bolt holes of  
6 said reinforcing member and said elastic plate, said bolt  
7 hole of said elastic plate is located between said bolt hole  
8 of said reinforcing member and said shaft end of said